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**Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau for International
Narcotics & Law Enforcement Affairs to visit Bolivia**

The Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau for International Narcotics & Law Enforcement Affairs, Robert B. Charles, will visit Bolivia to exchange information about counternarcotics issues and to learn about the concerns the Government of Bolivia may have on the matter. This exchange process seeks to improve the response from the Department of State, which is vital to the bilateral relationship and to the worldwide fight against drugs.

Charles will meet with President Mesa and other governmental authorities to express U.S. support to Bolivia for the good results obtained in the joint fight to eradicate illegal coca crops. He will also highlight Bolivia's efforts in interdiction, and the success achieved in the alternative development program. His visit to Bolivia is part of an Andean tour that includes Colombia and Peru.